

East Bethel Resident Guide



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John E. Anderson Park; Photo by Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager

GETTING TO KNOW EAST BETHEL

At the northern edge of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, the City of East Bethel is 48 square miles of lakes, wetlands, farms, and prairies. East Bethel offers a unique and very livable location for families. It provides the best of both worlds, convenience to a Metropolitan area and rural living.

East Bethel has 12 lakes covering 2,028 acres, including Coon Lake, the largest lake in Anoka County. There are always recreational amenities to experience when you have 15 City Parks, two community centers, one indoor ice rink, one outdoor ice rink, two golf courses, one disc golf course, a shooting range, and hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling opportunities. There are also public preserves that include Sandhill Crane Natural Area, Helen Allison Savanna, and the Gordie Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area.

Additionally, East Bethel is home to the [Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve](#) which is managed by the U of M. This reserve is the meeting point of the three largest ecosystems in North America: the western prairies, the northern evergreens, and the leafy forests of the east. This site was ranked as an Ecologically Significant Area because of the remarkable combination of plants and animals in this 9-square-mile area. The habitats that are adjacent to Cedar Creek are just as important because they help to ensure the survival of this ecosystem, so landowners and the local government of East Bethel help to protect it.

Thank you for considering East Bethel when looking for a place to live, work and raise a family. Over 12,000 people already have.

THE HISTORY OF EAST BETHEL

- 1850'S** The City of East Bethel was originally home to the Chippewa Nation. Settlement of this area by Europeans occurred first in the 1850's following the purchase of the Louisiana Territory by the United States in 1837. Settlers originated mainly from Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, and New Brunswick. Many of these early settlers established homesteads near Cedar Creek.
- 1858** Bethel Township was organized in 1858, the same year that Minnesota became a state. At the time it included all of what is now Linwood Township until 1871 when Linwood Township was organized.
- 1863** The East Bethel Post Office was established but was later moved to a site along the newly constructed Great Northern Railroad. Hugh Spence was the first postmaster in 1878.
- 1900-01** Working with townships to the south, Central Ave was created, which later became Hwy 65. It became a divided Hwy in 1969-1970.
- 1912** Anoka County Telephone Company of Constance was organized and lines were built through the township.
- 1913-1914** Cars were first used in this area.
- 1957** East Bethel Township was in the process of becoming a Village which took nearly two years. The first newspaper, a bi-weekly, the "East Bethel Booster" was also published.
- 1959** East Bethel became a legal municipality with a unanimous vote for incorporation by the Town Council. The population at the time was 1,286.
- 1960-70's** East Bethel first experienced large growth in new residents in the 1960's and a growth increase of 156 percent during the 1970's. The growth leveled off in the mid 20 percent range by 1980 and remained there until 2000.
- 2000's** By 2004 East Bethel's population had grown to approximately 11,405. Proposed growth by 2010 was 12,600 and 18,400 by 2020. We have already exceeded the 2010 projection.

EAST BETHEL CITY MAPS

City maps are available on the [East Bethel City webpage](#). Along with the Official City Map, there are Zoning, and Parks and Trails, and Warning Siren maps available.

RESERVE PARKS AND FACILITIES

East Bethel has many [parks and facilities](#) that can be rented out such as community centers, pavilions or shelters, ball fields, horseshoe pits and concession stands. Call East Bethel City Hall to confirm that date is available, then fill out the [Facilities Request Form](#) and submit it, along with your payment, to the city hall. This form can be found at the East Bethel City website or at City Hall.

EAST BETHEL PARKS



	Acres	Ball Fields	Basketball Courts	Community Center	Concession Stand	Hiking/Skiing Trails	Horseshoe Pits	Picnic Areas	Playground	Restrooms	Shelters/Pavilions	Skate Park	Sliding Hill	Soccer Fields	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Walking Paths	Warming House
Anderson Lake Park	4	*							*							*		
Bonde Park	13	*						*	*		*			*				
Booster East Park	50	*	*				*	*		*	*					*	*	*
Booster West Park	35	*			*			*	*	*	*	*		*				
Carlisle Park	3	*							*									
Cedar Creek Scientific Ecosystem Reserve	3					*												
Coon Lake Beach Park	.5		*	*					*		*	*			*			
Deer Haven Park	5		*						*		*							
Eagle Ridge Park	40																*	
Eveleth Park	3	*							*									
Hidden Haven Park	5							*	*		*	*					*	
John E Anderson Memorial Park	70							*	*	*	*				*		*	*
Maynard Peterson Memorial Park	3	*							*		*							
Norseland Manor Community Park	20	*						*	*				*					
Northern Boundaries 7 th St Park	5							*	*				*					
Oakbrook Acres Park	10												*					
Rod & Norma Smith Park	4	*	*						*		*							
Whispering Aspen Park	.5			*					*							*		
Whispering Oaks Park	2		*						*		*						*	

NATURE RESERVES

The Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve

The [Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve](#) is managed by the U of M. This reserve is the meeting point of the three largest ecosystems in North America: the western prairies, the northern evergreens, and the leafy forests of the east. This site was ranked as an Ecologically Significant Area because of the remarkable combination of



plants and animals in this 9-square-mile area. The habitats that are adjacent to Cedar Creek are just as important because they help to ensure the survival of this ecosystem. Cedar Creek is only open to the public on guided tours (which can be set up via their website), but the [Fish Lake Trails](#) wind through several distinct ecosystems of Cedar Creek and is open to the public year round. Cedar Creek research is repeatedly featured in major media outlets, including the New York Times, the London Telegraph, National Public Radio, Public Television, and many more.

Cedar Creek Lake: Credit: U of M

Sandhill Crane Natural Area

The [Sandhill Crane Natural Area](#) is an inspiring example of what can happen when government agencies and area citizens become dedicated to a common purpose. In retrospect, the creation of this unique natural area in the city of East Bethel, Minnesota seems improbable at best. The 495-acre protected area comprises separate parcels of land owned by four different agencies at three levels of government: the City of East Bethel, Anoka County [Parks], the MN Pollution Control Agency, and the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Over a period of six years, these government entities with their wide-ranging goals and responsibilities came together in recognition of the importance of safeguarding the area's biodiversity. The Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) was a source of information for planning during the process, and helped convey the significance of the natural area to policy makers and citizens. As agency representatives worked side by side with area residents, a central vision for the future of the land became clear. Now, while the land continues to be held under divided ownership, it is united by collaborative management and by a name chosen in honor of one of the prominent members of the community.

The Sandhill Crane Natural Area supports six types of wetland communities, as well as prairie, oak savanna and oak forest. Besides sandhill cranes, bald eagles and Blanding's turtles have moved into the natural area in recent years. This public land lies at the heart of a larger, 1,590-acre area mapped by the MCBS. "So now," says Dunevitz, "there is this great situation in East Bethel: a protected natural area embedded within privately-owned lands that, from an ecological perspective, are of similar quality.

Community Information

Helen Allison Savanna



Helen Allison Savanna in winter; Credit: U of M

[Helen Allison Savanna](#) was named for Helen Allison Irvine, "Minnesota's grass lady," who wrote a text on the 180 grasses of Minnesota. This scientific and natural area lies within the Anoka sand plain, providing an excellent example of sand dune plant succession, with blowouts and dunes in various stages of stabilization by pioneer species. Community types found on the site include oak sand savanna, dry prairie with bur oak and pin oak, thickets of willow and aspen, and sedge marshes in scattered depressions. Trees and shrubs characteristic

of a savanna are found here: pin oak, bur oak, American hazelnut, choke cherry, willow, and quaking aspen. Other savanna species include lead plant, smooth sumac, slender willow, steeple bush, aster, and goldenrod. Look on the dunes for pioneer sand plants such as sea-beach needle grass and hairy panic grass. Sedge meadows contain tussocks of Hayden's sedge, along with marsh fern and blue-joint grass. Other rare plant species occurring here include long-bearded hawkweed, rhombic-petaled evening primrose, and tall nut-rush. Prime times to visit are when the pasque flowers bloom in the spring and when the prairie grasses are at their finest in late summer. This site is owned by The Nature Conservancy.

The Gordie Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area

[Gordie Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area](#) is 816 acres in size and is primarily managed for woodland and wooded wetland wildlife like deer and turkeys. It consists of 55% wetland and wooded wetland, 36% upland woodland and 9% grassland/food plot. Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area has grown rapidly in size in recent years and was acquired from a variety of previous landowners. A large portion was previously operated as a Camp Fire USA children's camp.



White-tailed deer; Credit: USFWS

DINING/ENTERTAINMENT IN EAST BETHEL

Please support your local businesses!

Beaver Brook Gun Club	763-434-5415.....	20500 Palisade St NE
Blue Ribbon Pines Disc Golf	763-434-1644.....	Klondike Dr NE
East Bethel Ice Arena	763-434-0397	20675 Hwy 65 NE
EJ's Bottle Shop & Bar	763-434-5646.....	4832 Viking Blvd.
Hidden Haven Golf Course	763-434-6867	20520 Polk St NE
Moonshine Whiskey Pub & Saloon	763-434-8181.....	1383 NE Ulysses St.
Muller Family Movie Theatre	763-434-7256	18635 Ulysses NE
Route 65 Pub & Grub	763-413-3550	18407 Hwy 65 NE
Smokey's Pub & Grill	651-464-6046.....	552 Lincoln Dr
Subway	763-413-8844.....	23705 Hwy 65 NE
Viking Meadow Golf Course	763-434-4205.....	1788 Viking Blvd NE



View the East Bethel City [Business Directory](#) or the [Chamber of Commerce](#) for more businesses!

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Coon Lake Community Center

The [Coon Lake Beach Community Center](#) is available to rent for parties, meetings, receptions, etc. They have a sound system, a large screen TV, and free WIFI. For more information visit their website or contact Nicole Hanna at 651-895-7377 between Tuesday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. or all day on Saturday.

East Bethel Community/Senior Center

The [East Bethel Community/Senior Center](#) is available to rent for banquets, receptions, etc. The facility can accommodate up to 200 persons. For more information contact Dennis Swen at 763-434-9244.

Whispering Aspen Community Center

City Community Center is open to residents for gatherings and includes a Basketball and Tennis Courts. For more information call 763-367-7840.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Booster Days Events and Parade

East Bethel Booster Days is held annually during the summer and is a chance for East Bethel residents to get to know people in the area and spend a fun filled weekend with their families.



Photo by Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager; 2014

Booster Days is filled with many exciting events:

- Pancake breakfast
- Flag raising ceremony
- Craft and bake sale
- Quilt raffle
- Bingo
- Vintage car, truck, snowmobile, and tractor show
- Tractor pull
- Several bounce houses
- Parade
- Kiddie parade
- Tea party
- Beauty Scholarship Pageant

- Outside dance and live music
- Fireworks
- Lion's beer wagon
- Treasure hunt
- Vendors selling yummy food
- 5k Run
- 1k Run for kids
- Silent auction
- Outdoor movie
- Special events by the Fire and Police Depts.
- Turtle races

Most of the events are held at the East Bethel Community Center and Booster Park located at 2241 221st Ave NE. The East Bethel Pageant is held at the East Bethel Ice Arena.

We encourage all of our local businesses and organizations to participate in the parade. Parade entrant and vendor applications can be found on our website at www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us or picked up at City Hall.

More Booster Days information can be found on the [city webpage](#) or the [Booster Days Facebook page!](#)

North Artists Studio Crawl

The [North Artists Studio Crawl](#) features several local artists and has an annual studio crawl where the local artists exhibit and sell their various styles of art. The crawl is a free, self-guided tour. Check out the [map](#), which shows all of the stops along the crawl!

Coon Lake

Coon Lake is the largest lake in Anoka County. It has several public landings and a beautiful playground, and is an ideal destination for summer fun.



Boat Landings

There are two (2) public boat landings on Coon Lake. One is near Theilen Park; the other is near Coon Lake County Park. We invite you to utilize these public accesses to enjoy the county's largest lake.



Coon Lake Beach Events

Coon Lake Beach hosts several events throughout the year including a [Chili Cook-off](#) in February, an annual [pig-roast and corn feed](#) in August, and [weekly Saturday meat raffles](#) at Smokey's at 7pm!

Martin-Island Linwood Lakes Regional Park

[The Martin-Island Linwood Lakes Regional Park](#) is a 737-acre park that is in close proximity to the [Carlos Avery Management Area](#). The park contains significant undisturbed landscape communities identified in the State's County Biological Survey. Facilities include nature trails, a small picnic area, rustic beach, and a group camp named [Camp Salie](#). The park remains mostly in a natural state.

The East Bethel Event Calendar

View the [East Bethel Event Calendar](#) for more events!

CITY UTILITY SERVICES

Cable TV

Cable TV is provided by [Midco](#). You can reach customer service at 1-800-888-1300. Limited service area.

Electric

Electric is provided by [Connexus Energy](#). You can reach them at 763-323-2600 for a power outage, or call 763-323-2650 for member services.

Garbage/Recycle Haulers

Residential Service:

Ace Solid Waste	763-427-3110
East Central Sanitation	763-689-2171
Le Page & Sons	763-757-7100
SRC, Inc	651-462-5298

Commercial Services

Ace Solid Waste	763-427-3110
Republic Services	763-784-2104
Le Page & Sons	763-757-7100
Walter's Recycling	763-780-8464
Waste Management Inc. of MN	952-890-1100

Gas

The City of East Bethel is serviced by Centerpoint Energy/Minnegasco and Xcel Energy. Your gas provider is determined by your address.

Centerpoint Energy/Minnegasco	612-372-4727
Xcel Energy	800-895-4999

Internet Providers

Century Link	800-244-1111
Comcast	800-934-6489
Frontier (will assist you in finding service)	800-921-8101
HughesNet (satellite)	800-921-8101
Midco	800-888-1300

Telephone

Century Link	800-244-1111
Frontier (will assist you in finding service)	800-921-8101

BEFORE YOU DIG



Call before you dig... Call [Gopher State One](#) to make sure you avoid utility lines underground. They will come and mark all of the utility lines underground for you.
651-454-0002

HOME IMPROVEMENTS (BUILDING PERMITS)

The city would like to remind everyone that most home improvement projects require building permits, including basement remodeling and additions, porches, decks, fences, sheds, roofing, and more. Structures that are constructed, moved, improved, demolished, or altered do require a permit. Permits are required for electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning work as well.

Permit application forms and fees are available on our [website](#) or can be obtained at City Hall. Permits are required and inspections will need to be scheduled through City Hall, 763-367-7840. If you are using a Contractor, than s/he may apply for the permit, but if you are filing for the permit yourself you will need the Contractor's License number. Your builder or remodeler must be licensed in the state of Minnesota. **It's the law!**

Building Permits Protect Your Investment

To some, obtaining a permit may seem to be added costs, time delays, and unwarranted regulations. However, a building permit ensures that proper services and codes are being met. Residents may sometimes overlook the benefits of obtaining a building permit and appropriate inspections. In addition to assuring yourself that your family and property are protected you will also have peace of mind in knowing that the work has been done properly and in accordance with all codes. Building without a permit may cause future maintenance problems or affect the resale of your home.

BURNING PERMITS

Burning permits are available at City Hall at no cost. Any fire larger than 3' x 3' requires a burning permit. The permits are good for 3 days and you are able to burn between 6pm – 8am. A permit is still needed when the ground is covered with snow, but you may burn all day and the permits may last up to 10 days. If you have any further questions please feel free to call City Hall at 763-367-7840. If you need to obtain a burning permit after hours please contact one of the following people:

Don Anderson 763-434-4390
4574 Wild Rich Dr NE

Don Griep 763-434-5979
2810 Viking Blvd NE

Gary Stern 763-434-7442
1105 Klondike Dr NE

ANIMAL LICENSES

All dogs in the City of East Bethel are required to have a license and comply with the City ordinances. The forms to obtain a dog license are available at City Hall or online. There is no charge for the license; however proof of current rabies vaccinations is required. Residents are allowed 2 dogs per household before they are required to apply and obtain a kennel license. Cats are not required to be licensed in the City of East Bethel.

DNR LICENSE CENTERS

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes, and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System (ELS) agents available in East Bethel.

Corner Express

4825 Viking Blvd, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-413-3337

Go For It

3255 Viking Blvd, East Bethel, MN 55011
651-395-2174

LICENSE CENTER

Blaine Passport Center

10995 Club West Pkwy, Suite 700B
Blaine, MN 55440
To set up an appointment, please call
763-323-5777.

The Coon Rapids Passport Center

455 99th Ave nW, Suite 100
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Ham Lake License Center

763-434-6542

17565 Central Ave NE, Ste. 330, Ham Lake, MN 55304

This license service center offers drivers license or personal ID renewal, duplicates, and replacements, birth and death certificates, game/fish license, DNR licenses including boats and ATVs, marriage license, notary public, and county park permits.

RECYCLING

The City of East Bethel has curbside pickup, a drop off Recycling Center, and also sponsors a Recycling Day event.



Scrap Metal/Recycle Materials

We would also like to encourage residents who sell scrap metal or recycle materials to save weight slips and provide a copy to the City. Any sales to vendors regardless of location can be counted towards our recycle goals as long as the City receives a copy of the weight slip from the sale. To make it more convenient to turn in weight slips, collection boxes have been placed at the Recycling Center, City Hall, and Mac's Store. Providing a copy of the weight slips will greatly assist our efforts to meet our tonnage goals for the year. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 763-367-7840.

Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

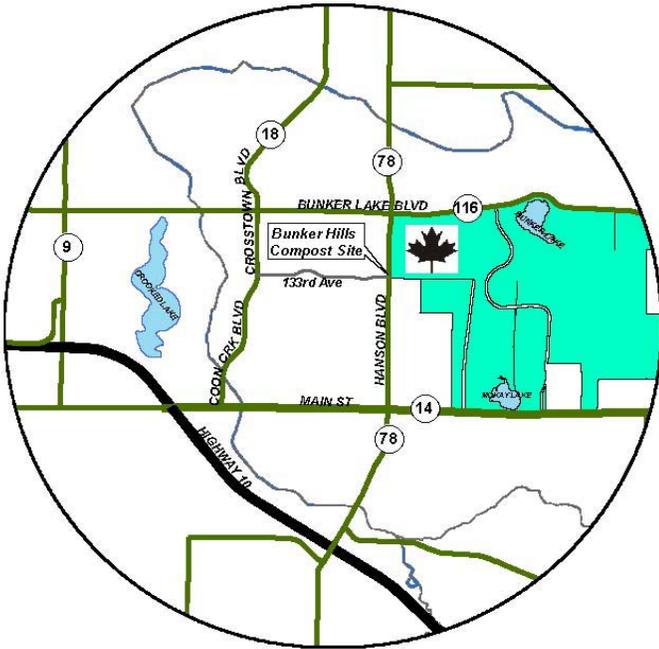
There is no charge to drop off automotive products, home improvement products, household products, lawn and garden products, or any product that is labeled with any of the following words:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Inflammable
- Poison
- Toxic
- Warning

COMPOST SITES

Bunker Hills Compost Site

763-767-7964



Location: 13285 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids, one mile north of 242 (Main Street).

Hours of operation:

April – November:

Monday - Friday: 10am – 7pm (or sunset if earlier)

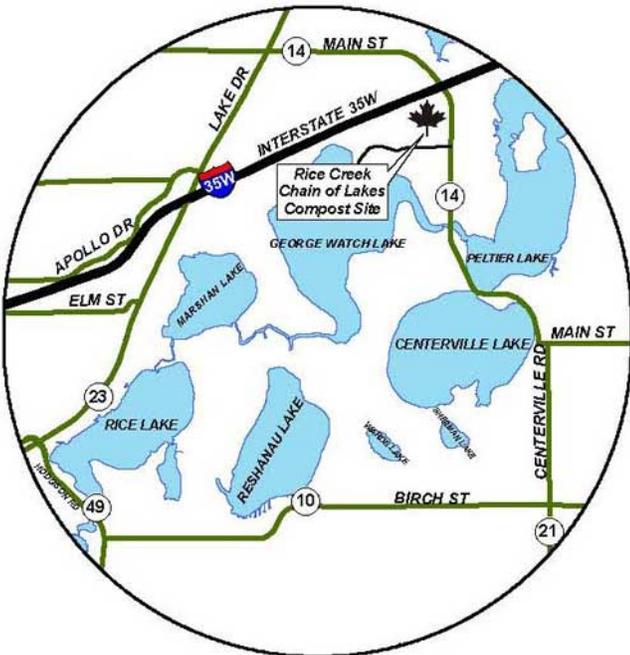
Saturday: 9am – 5pm (or sunset if earlier)

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm (or sunset if earlier)

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Compost Site

651-429-3723

Location: 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes, south of 35W off CSAH 14 (Main Street), there is no exit from 35W to County Road 14, use the Lake Drive (CSAH 23) exit from 35W and take Lake Drive north to Main Street.



Hours of operation:

April – November

Monday closed

Tuesday 10:00am – 7pm (or sunset if earlier)

Wednesday closed

Thursday 10:00am – 7pm (or sunset if earlier)

Friday closed

Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm (or sunset if earlier)

Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm (or sunset if earlier)

RECYCLING EVENTS THAT THE CITY HOSTS

Drop-Off Saturdays

Located at the Recycling Center on Viking Blvd

A Drop-Off Saturday event is offered on the last Saturday of every month, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon) at our Recycling Center. Appliances, automotive batteries, electronics, tires, and TVs are all accepted on these days. Please note: No garbage or household hazardous waste will be accepted. Some items are accepted free of charge; there is a small fee for other items. Please see our most recent [Drop-Off Saturday flyer](#) for more detailed information.

We will collect:

- Automotive Batteries
- Tires - fee
- TVs - Small
- Large TVs are 28"+ and/or consoles -fee
- Computer, Vacuum, Fax, Scanner, Printer, CD/DVD/VCR player, Cordless tool, etc.
- Dishwasher, Furnace, Humidifier, Microwave, Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, etc.
- Glass, paper products, aluminum cans, scrap metal, used oil/oil filters, antifreeze

City Hall Recycling Event

Located at the East Bethel Ice Arena

The city also holds a Recycling event that is larger and accepts a wider variety of materials for recycling. Watch for advertisement in the [City newsletter](#) or call City Hall for dates, times, and pricing for acceptable items. Detailed information for this event can also be found on the Recycling Day flyer.

In addition to the list of collectables for Drop-Off Saturdays, we will also be collecting:

- Appliances - fee
- Batteries - rechargeable/automotive
- Eyeglasses
- Scrap Metal - remove all non-metal materials
- Computers/Electronics/TVs - fee
- Fluorescent Bulbs - fee
- Hearing Aids
- Printer Cartridges
- Tires - fee

East Bethel City Hall accepts these recyclables on a daily basis:

Drop of these items at the entrance of the East Bethel City Hall from 8am to 4pm.

- Batteries (not automotive)
- Cell Phones
- Eyeglasses
- Hearing Aids
- Worn and Torn flags (to be retired)

For additional information on recycling in East Bethel, please call City Hall at 763-367-7840.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

City of East Bethel Fire Department

The Fire Department's primary responsibility is fire suppression, rescue, fire inspections, arson investigations, fire prevention and to provide first responder medical care for the sick and injured. They protect approximately 13,000 citizens over an area of about 48 square miles. The City has an 8 mile stretch of state highway 65 running north and south that brings about 32,000 motorists daily through our City. Our active mutual aide/auto aide programs ensure sufficient resources from and for our neighboring fire departments.

Our volunteer firefighters provide 24 hour-a-day response from three stations.

- 1) Station 1 is located at 2751 Viking Blvd. NE
- 2) Station 2 is located at 2375 221st Ave. NE
- 3) Station 3 is located at 342 Forest Road



Fire Service Rating: 6

For more information about the East Bethel Fire Department, please call 612-328-6833 or email Chief Mark DuCharme at mark.ducharme@ci.east-bethel.mn.us.

Police Services

The City of East Bethel contracts through Anoka County for Public Safety Services. **If you have an emergency, dial 911.** Otherwise, please feel free to call the Anoka County Sherriff's non-emergency number at 763-427-1212 with any comments, concerns, problems or complaints.

Sheriff James Stuart and his staff of over 300 employees and volunteers serve Anoka County, the 4th largest county in the state.

ANOKA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Anoka County provides social services such as Senior, Child, and Mediation Services. Contact them at (763) 427-1212 or at www.anokacounty.us/1059/Human-Services

NORTH ANOKA COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

The North Anoka County Emergency food shelf (NACE) is in partnership with all available and willing resources, and they strive to curb suffering from hunger in our communities by providing balanced nutrition to all people who are truly in need. If you would like to visit the food shelf, bring an ID and a piece of mail with the current address. You may visit once every 60 days. Please call for further information: 763-434-7685.

LIBRARY

Anoka County, Ham Lake Branch

17565 Central Ave NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304
763-434-6542



Anoka County, St. Francis Branch

3519 Bridge St NW
St. Francis, MN 55070
763-753-2131

POST OFFICES

Bethel Post Office

763-434-3000
103 Main St NW
Bethel, MN 55005

Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30am -5:00pm
Saturday 6:30am - 12:00pm
Sunday Closed

St. Francis Post Office

800-275-8777
3726 Bridge St NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 12pm,
1pm - 4:30pm;
Sat. 9:30am – 11:45am

Cedar/East Bethel Post Office

763-434-7200
21427 Aberdeen St NE
Cedar, MN 55011
Hours: M-F 8:30am – 5pm ;Sat. 9am – 12pm

Wyoming Post Office

651-462-5252
26824 Felton Ave
Wyoming, MN 55092
Hours: M-F 8:30am – 5pm ;
Sat. 10am– 12pm

NEWSPAPERS

Anoka County Union Herald: The City's official newspaper

4101 Coon Rapids Blvd. NE, MN 55433 (763) 421-4444

East Bethel Newsletter: FREE publication

2241 221st Ave., East Bethel, MN 55011 (763) 367-7840

The Anoka County Record: FREE bi-weekly publication

P.O. Box 21014, Columbia Heights, MN 55421 (763) 220-0411

The Courier: FREE publication

4115 Ambassador Blvd., St. Francis, MN 55070 (763) 753-7031



CITY CEMETERIES

East Bethel Cemetery

19700 East Bethel Blvd
East Bethel, MN 55011

Oak Leaf Cemetery

2401 221st Ave NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

Old Bethel Cemetery

1610 245th Ave NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

For more information on purchasing a plot or other cemetery questions, please contact City Hall at 763-367-7840.

PET CLINICS

East Bethel offers a pet clinic once a year to offer vaccinations and tests for your dogs and cats. See the [Pet Clinic flyer](#) for prices on the East Bethel City Hall website or follow the link. Heartworm and flea/tick products will be sold at this event. East Bethel Dog licenses will be available.



START A BUSINESS IN EAST BETHEL

East Bethel is 48 sq. miles of scenic Central Minnesota real estate, with a diverse population. Find the right programs, tools, and services for your business idea or expansion.



East Bethel City Hall offers a Business Resource and Financial Assistance Directory to help new or expanding businesses locate in East Bethel. You can request a copy by calling or visiting City Hall.

For assistance, contact the Community Development Department:

Stop in: 2241 221st Ave. NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

Phone: (763) 367-7855

Fax: (763) 434-9578

Email: Colleen.Winter@ci.east-bethel.mn.us

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Day Time Restrictions: No parking on any public street between 6 am and 6 pm on any day with an accumulation of 2 or more inches of snow during the preceding 24-hour period commencing as of 4 am on the day of the parking restriction.

Night Time Restrictions: No parking on any public street between 11 pm and 6 am on any day from November 1st to March 31st.

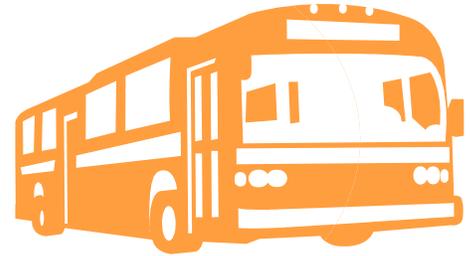
City crews typically start plowing by 2am if there is snow accumulation of two (2) or more inches. By not parking your vehicle on a city street it will ensure more effective plowing.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Dial-a-Ride

[Dial-a-Ride](#) is a door-to-door transportation system in Northern Anoka County that is available in East Bethel. Mini buses, equipped with wheelchair lifts and accessible to the disabled, are available to everyone regardless of age or income.

A trip less than 10 miles is \$2.25 each way,
between 10 and 20 miles is \$4.50 each way,
and more than 20 miles is \$6.75 each way.
ADA-certified riders pay a maximum of \$4.50 per
direction.



You must make reservations at **LEAST** four (4) days in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call 651-602-LINK (5465).

Group Trips: Daycares, nursing homes, senior community centers, etc can request group trips and receive a discounted fare.

Express Commuter Route 865

New in the summer of 2014, commuters who travel via Highways 65, 10, 610, and I-94 to downtown Minneapolis will have a new bus option available. Comfortable coach style buses will be used for providing express service during the morning and evening rush hours. The route will extend from northern Anoka County to the heart of downtown Minneapolis with stops at three park and ride locations in East Bethel, Ham Lake, and Blaine. The park and ride in East Bethel is at the movie theater, the Ham Lake location is at the Family of Christ Church, and the Blaine location is at Paul Parkway and Ulysses.

The fare will be \$3 each way. The Route map and schedule is available on the [here](#).

East Bethel's morning stops at the theater: 5:56am, 6:34am, and 6:56am.

East Bethel's afternoon stops at the theater: 4:45pm, 5:29pm, and 6:17pm.

For more information visit [MetroTransit](#).

Volunteer Transportation

The Anoka County Volunteer Transportation Program provides rides to and from medical, dental, and appointments with social services for seniors (60+), veterans, and clients receiving services from Anoka County. Medical and dental trips may be made throughout the metro area while appointments with social services must remain within Anoka County. Passengers must be able to travel independently as volunteers are unable to provide assistance.

Reservations can be requested by calling 763-422-7087 and listening to the message and then leaving the required information. Your request must be received by noon on Wednesday of the week prior to your appointment. Rides are provided Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS AND CHANNEL 10



City Council Meeting – The City Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at City Hall. The City Council Meetings are broadcast live on Channel 10 and are played back on Channel 10 at the following times:

Sunday10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Monday.....9:00 AM and 1:00 PM
Tuesday.....8:00 AM and 12:00 PM
Wednesday.....11:00 AM and 4:00 PM
Thursday 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Friday10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Saturday.....9:00 AM and 5:00 PM

EDA - Economic Development Authority - The EDA meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm. The purpose of the EDA is to coordinate and administer economic development and redevelopment plans and programs for the City of East Bethel. The EDA is governed by a board of seven commissioners.

Park Commission Meeting – The Park Commission Meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at City Hall. The Park Commission consists of 7 members and they act as the planning agency for the City parks and trails systems.

Planning Commission Meeting – The Planning Commission meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm at City Hall. The Planning Commission consists of 7 members and deals with land use issues for City development, variances, conditional or interim use permits, and zoning text or map amendments.

Road Commission Meeting – The Road Commission Meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The Road Commission consists of 7 members and they act as the planning agency for the City streets and road systems.

EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Steve Voss

651-308-0198

Term ends 12/31/2016

Council Member Ron Koller

763-434-9848

Term ends 12/31/2016

Council Member Tom Ronning

763-772-4042

Term ends 12/31/2016

Council Member Tim Harrington

763-434-0909

Term ends 12/31/2018

Council Member Brian Mundle

763-227-0120

Term ends 12/31/2018

There is a 2-year term for Mayor Seat and a 4-year term for Council Members.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Governor Mark Dayton

www.governor.state.mn.us

130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-296-3391
Mark.Dayton@state.mn.us

State Senator Michelle Benson

www.senate.mn

100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
State Office Building, Room 115
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
(651) 296-3219
sen.michelle.benson@senate.mn

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

www.klobuchar.senate.gov

302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3244

State Representative Tom Hackbarth

www.house.leg.state.mn.us

409 State Office Bldg.
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
651-296-2439
Rep.tom.hackbarth@house.mn

U.S. Senator Al Franken

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60 East Plato Blvd, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-221-1016

Attorney General Lori Swanson

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Minnesota Attorney General's Office
1400 Bremer Tower
445 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
651-297-7206

U.S. Representative Tom Emmer

www.emmerforcongress.com

9201 Quaday Ave NE, Suite 206
Otsego, MN 55330
763-241-6848

MN Secretary of State Steve Simon

www.sos.state.mn.us

180 State Office Bldg.
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55103
secretary.state@state.mn.us



VOTING

The City of East Bethel currently has three precincts. The polling places for each precinct are:

Precinct # 1

East Bethel Community/Senior Center
2241 221st Ave NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

Precinct # 2

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
19001 Jackson St NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

Precinct # 3

East Bethel Fire Station
2751 Viking Blvd NE
East Bethel, MN 55011



If you are unsure which precinct you are in, call City Hall at 763-434-9540. You can also look up your polling place location on the Secretary of State's website at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>.

Get Registered!

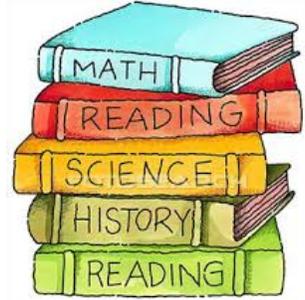
Before you can vote, you need to be on the official list of voters. This is called being "registered". You need to register if you just became eligible to vote, moved, changed your name, or haven't voted in the last four years. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, on our website, or from the Elections Department at the Anoka County Government Center. They are also available where you apply for, renew, or change you Minnesota Driver License or ID card.

To register on Election Day at your polling place, you will need proof of your identity and proof of the address where you are living on Election Day.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

First Baptist Church & Christian School K-12

22940 St. Francis Blvd NW, St. Francis (763) 753-1230



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Forest Lake District 831

www.forestlake.k12.mn.us

Linwood Elementary School

21900 Type Creek Dr NE
Wyoming, MN 55092
School hours: 9:15am – 3:30pm
Main office: 651-982-1900
Absentee line: 651-982-1956

Principal: Jim Caldwell
651-982-1901
Office hours: 7:30am – 4pm

Columbus Elementary School

17345 Notre Dame Street
Columbus, MN 55025
School hours: 9am – 3:30pm
Main phone: 651-982-8900
Absentee line: 651-982-8905

Principal: Neal Fox
651-982-8902
Office hours: 7:30am – 4pm

Southwest Junior High

943 SW 9th Ave
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Main Line: 651-982-8700
Absentee line: 651-982-8703

Principal: Scott Geary
651-982-8701
Office hours: 7am – 4pm
School hours: 7:40am – 2:10pm

Century Junior High

21395 Goodview Ave N
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Main Phone: 651-982-3000
Absentee line: 651-982-3012

Principal: John-Paul Jacobson
651-982-3100
Office hours: 6:45am – 3:45pm
School hours: 7:43am – 2:13pm

Forest Lake Area High School

6101 Scandia Trail N
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Main phone: 651-982-7400
Absentee line: 651-982-8414

Principal: Steve Massey
651-982-8401
Office hours: 6:30am – 4pm
School hours: 8am – 2:30pm

Star of the North Academy Charter School

1562 Viking Boulevard, East Bethel, MN 55011 763-450-5560

Cedar Creek Community School

21108 Polk Street NE

Cedar, MN 55011

763-213-8780

Absentee line: 763-213-8831

Principal: Darin Hahn

763-213-8781

Office hours: 8am – 4pm

School hours: 9:20am – 3:40pm

East Bethel Community School

21210 Polk Street NE

Cedar, MN 55011

Main phone: 763-213-8900

Absentee line: 763-213-8931

Principal: Angela Scardigli

763-213-8901

Office hours: 8am – 4pm

School hours: 9:20am – 3:40pm

St. Francis Middle School

23026 Ambassador Blvd NW

St. Francis, MN 55070

Main phone: 763-213-8500

Absentee line: 763-213-8531

Principal: Bobbi Anderson Hume

763-213-8501

Office hours: 7am – 4pm

School hours: 7:45am – 2:12pm

St. Francis High School

3325 Bridge Street NW

St. Francis, MN 55070

Main phone: 763-213-1500

Absentee line: 763-213-1531

Principal: Douglas Austin

763-213-1501

Office hours: 7am – 3:30pm

School hours: 7:45am – 2:25pm



HEAD START PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Head Start is a quality preschool program, serving children and families in Anoka County. Head Start provides education, health, nutrition and social service assistance to children and their families who are income eligible. A variety of programs are available at no cost. For more information and to obtain an application, call Anoka/Washington County Head Start Program at 763-783-4300 or visit the website at www.accap.org Head Start is available in Anoka County for low-income families with children up to age five. There is no cost to families. Families on County Assistance (MFIP), Supplemental Social Security (SSI), Foster Children and families who meet the income eligibility guidelines are eligible for Head Start. Applications are accepted all year.

Highlights of Head Start:

- Ongoing registration
- Free program including free meals
- Field trips and special events
- Family and Community Partnerships
- Family literacy
- Education and transitioning
- Screenings
- Health and mental health services
- Medical and dental services
- Services for children with special needs
- Limited transportation within bus boundaries

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

East Bethel Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the East Bethel Chamber of Commerce is to facilitate business relationships and opportunities, to advocate on behalf of their members to governmental bodies and the general public, and to promote the best interests of their membership.



For \$75 per year you can become a member of the East Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Visit their website for more information at www.eastbethelchamber.com

Cedar/East Bethel Lions and Lioness Club

The Cedar East Bethel Lions were chartered in 1975. Our members have a strong sense of community responsibility. We believe our first responsibility is to the people of Cedar-East Bethel and we are proud of the reputation we have in this area. We work hard, but also believe it is important to have fun times to facilitate the cohesiveness of our group. If you are looking for a way to serve the Cedar-East Bethel community and develop some friendships in the process, come and visit one of our meetings. Call Ruth Larson at 763-434-9423 for information on the Lions Club, and for Lioness information call Marilyn Kappelhoff at 763-434-6599.

East Bethel Senior Center

All seniors are welcome to join for only \$10 per year.

Events are held at the [East Bethel Senior Center](#) at 2241 221st Avenue NE.

- Second Wednesday of each month: crafts and potluck from 9am to noon
- Third Thursday of each month: business meeting and noon lunch
- First Friday of every month: A dance is held from 1pm-4pm
- Second Sunday of each month: Pancake breakfast from 8:30am to noon

Alcoholics Anonymous & Narcotics Anonymous

If you or someone you know has a problem, encourage them to seek help and attend a meeting.

Alcoholics Anonymous	Horizons Community Church	1503 157th Ave, Ham Lake, 55304	7:30 PM	Tuesday
Into Action II	Glen Cary Lutheran Church	15531 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304	6:30 PM	
Narcotics Anonymous	Our Saviours Lutheran Church	19001 Jackson Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011	6:30 PM	Friday
Narcotics Anonymous	Our Saviours Lutheran Church	19001 Jackson Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011	7:00 PM	Monday
Narcotics Anonymous	Coon Lake Beach Community Center	182 Forest Rd NE East Bethel, MN 55092	7:00 PM	Tuesday

The Boy Scouts of America

Age 11+

The Boy Scouts of America are one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organization. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. The BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

To get involved, visit the **East Bethel Boy Scout Troop 733** webpage at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop733/>

The Cub Scouts of America

Boys aged 5-10

This program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, family understanding, character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. To get involved, contact Cubmaster John Austin at 651-399-9831.



- Character Development
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure

The Girl Scouts of America

K-12

Girl Scouts earn badges, hike and camp, participate in the cookie program, and much more. They improve neighborhoods, protect the planet, design robots, and establish sports clinics.

To get involved, visit the **Forest Lake Girl Scout Troop 56610** webpage at <http://www.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=21225>

East Bethel Bandits Baseball

Ages 16 & up

The East Bethel Bandits are part of the Metro Mini Baseball League and are always looking for new players to fill out the roster. All new players will be given a chance to play. Players from East Bethel and surrounding areas are welcome. Returning player fee is \$100 and the new player fee is \$150. The season starts as early as May and games are played on the St. Francis High School baseball field.

To participate, contact Dallas Jelmsberg at 763-286-5570 or email him at eastbethelbanditsbaseball@yahoo.com

Soderville/Blaine Athletic Association for Youth

Soderville/Blaine Athletic Association (SBAA) provides in-house level (recreational) youth baseball and fastpitch softball, and traveling (competitive) level fastpitch softball opportunities to children in many communities. SBAA provides youth sports experience to kids residing in East Bethel and the surrounding areas. For over 50 years, SBAA has provided opportunities for a rich youth sports experience in our community. The SBAA Board of Directors is committed to not only upholding this history, but also to strive to improve on this experience each year. To participate, contact Corryn Anderson at 763-413-3555.

CHURCHES / PLACES OF WORSHIP

Bethel Community Church

23860 Dewey St. NW, Bethel, MN 55005
(763) 434-9834

Our Saviours' Lutheran Church

19001 Jackson St NE, Cedar, MN 55011
(763) 434-6117

Bible Baptist Church

1300 – 229th Ave NE, Bethel, MN 55005
(763) 434-9576

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

1450-237th Ave NE, Bethel, MN 55005
(763) 434-7146

Echoes of Calvary Church

22115 Quincy St. NE, Cedar, MN 55011
(763) 413-1021

West Bethel United Methodist

1233 221st Ave NE, Cedar, MN 55011
(763) 434-6451

St. Patrick Catholic Church

19921 Nightingale St NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011
(763) 753-2011

THANK YOU FROM EAST BETHEL

Please contact East Bethel City Hall with any questions, comments, or concerns:



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